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The East German shipbuilding plan for 1954 through 1956, as of 30 April 1954, is as follows:

Type of Vessel	Shipyard	Planned Production			Remarks
		1954	1955	1956	
Fishing Seiner	VEB Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg	25	25	25	Contracts for 1954/55 have already been issued.
Steel cutters	VEB Schiffswerft Oderberg; VEB Schiffswerft Fuerstenberg; VEB Staatswerft Rothersee	62	60	60	VEB-Plan for 1954 allows for only 60 to be built at the three dockyards, but it is hoped the extra two also will be completed. Contracts will be issued as soon as the tender is received from Oderberg.
Fishing luggers	VEB Volkswerft, Stralsund	66	120	120	1955 contract for 70 only has been issued. No decision has been made whether engine power is to be 300 or 400 hp.

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Refrigerator ships 20-series	VEB Elbwerft Boizenburg VEB Rosslauer Schiff- werft, Rosslau	14 (20 6 (20	All ships delivered by Rosslau must be fitted with fishing equipment. Contracts for 1955 already is- sued.
Trawler		9 5	-	The 9 are intended for the fishing fleet.
Freighter Type I	VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, Wismar	1 -	-	
	VEB Peenewerft Wolgast	1 5	-	
3,000 ton freighter		11 11	10	All these freighters are intended for ex- port, including two for China and one for Bulgaria. No funds are available for building them for East Germany.
Ore freighter		- 2	-	Contract for 1955 is not cancelled, al- though no work can be begun until various points are cleared up. At present no deliveries are plan- ned for 1955.
Freighter Type IV				No definite plans have been made, al- though one is to be delivered to Bulgaria in 1956.
Passenger ship 300/300	VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, Wismar	- 1	-	Contract for 1955, has not been can- celled, although no work can be started until a number of points are cleared up.
Passenger ship Lugger size	VEB Volkswerft Stralsund	5 8	-	Because of the in- crease in the num- ber of fishing lug- gers to be built, this work must be transferred to an- other dockyard: Ab- teilung Z has instruc- tions to arrange this.

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Tankers
Lugger size

VEB Volkswerft
Stralsund

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Because of the increase in the number of fishing luggers to be built, this work must be transferred to another dockyard. Abteilung Z has instructions to arrange this.

River passenger
ships 95 m. long

VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, 3
Wismar

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Ships 1 - 6 already covered by export contracts. A new design is to be introduced with the tenth ship.

River passenger
ships 65 m. long

VEB Warnowwerft
Warnemuende

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Six to be built in 1954 are already covered by contracts; it is hoped the seventh can be delivered in 1954. The HV Schiffbau is negotiating to deliver the other six in 1956 instead of three each in 1955 and 1956.

River passenger
ships 43 m. long

VEB Staatswerft
Rothensee

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If the last of the seven can be delivered by September 1954; it is expected that a larger number will be ordered for 1955.

Icebreaker 500 hp.

VEB Rosslauer Schiffswerft, Rosslau
VEB Volkswerft Ernst
Thaelmann, Brandenburg

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Because Rosslau is working to 90% capacity, Abteilung Z is negotiating to transfer this ship to the Plaue Werk in Brandenburg.

Refrigeration ships

VEB Elbwerft Boizenburg

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Export contracts for 1954 and 1955 already issued.

Fire-fighting ships
18 m.

VEB Staatswerft Rothen-
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No contract has been issued by the DIA for these two ships. If none is issued by 15 May 1954, the project will be cancelled.

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Seiner tugs	VEB Staatswerft Rothensee	10	10	10	
Salvage vessels		4	4	3	Not yet finally settled.
Whaler	VEB Schiffswerft Nep- tun, Rostock	1	-	-	This ship is meant to be the first of a series of five, but no contracts have yet been issued.
Danube tugs	VEB Rosslauer Schiffs- werft, Rosslau	-	1 (1,200 hp)	1 (2,200 hp)	The dockyard has been asked to make offers to Bulgaria for the building of these two ships.
Other tugs					Bulgaria has also asked for a tug and icebreaker of approximately 1,000 hp. and a seagoing tug of 500-600 hp. No dockyard has yet been asked to make offers for the work, and it is expected they will not be delivered until 1955/56.
Self-propelled barge	VEB Rosslauer Schiffs- werft, Rosslau VEB Staatswerft Rothensee	10	10	10	The HV Schiffbau anticipates transferring the work to the Rothensee dockyard.
Dredgers	VEB Rosslauer Schiffs- werft, Rosslau	4	4 +5	-	Six dredgers are expected to be ready in 1954; of these two will be held over to make up the four for 1955. The other five make up a separate order for Poland.
Floating crane pontoons					Details not yet available.
Floating docks	VEB Mathias-Thesen- Werft, Wismar	2	3	-	The Auftraggeber wants the number for 1955 raised to five, but this has not been agreed.
Floating pile-drivers	VEB Schiffswerft Uebigau, Dresden	25	40	-	Fifteen of those for 1955 are for the USSR. Uebigau can deliver an additional five in 1955, and the contract will probably be amended accordingly.
Ship repairs					Details not yet available

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